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In re application of:

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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS  
FOR IDENTIFYING  
NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES  
USING NUCLEOLYTIC  
ACTIVITIES AND  
HYBRIDIZATION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir,

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002, the response date being extended two months by request or petition and payment of the statutory extension fee, enclosed herewith. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 44-48, 53-56, 64-68, and 82-121. Please add the following new claims 122 through 154. Thus, claims 122 through 154 are pending upon entry of this amendment. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute cancelled claims in this or other applications.